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Elizabeth Garrett became the 13th president of Cornell University on July 1, 2015, and holds faculty appointments in the Law School, the Department of Government in the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management. A distinguished legal scholar with a record of public service, she comes to Cornell from the University of Southern California, where she was provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. She is the first woman to serve as president of Cornell.

Garrett earned her bachelor's degree in history at the University of Oklahoma and her J.D. at the University of Virginia School of Law. She clerked for Justice Thurgood Marshall on the U.S. Supreme Court. In addition to her leadership at USC, she has been a faculty member at the University of Chicago Law School and a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, the University of Virginia Law School, Central European University in Budapest, and Interdisciplinary Center Law School in Israel.

A life fellow of the American Bar Foundation, Garrett was also elected a Harold Lasswell Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science and a member of the Council of the American Law Institute.

Garrett's primary scholarly interests are legislative process, the initiative and referendum process, the federal budget process, the design of democratic institutions and tax policy. The author of more than 50 articles, book chapters and essays, she is co-author of the fifth edition of the leading case book on legislation and statutory interpretation, *Cases and Materials on Legislation and Regulation: Statutes and the Creation of Public Policy* (2014). She is also co-editor of *Fiscal Challenges: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Budget Policy and Statutory Interpretation Stories*. Her interdisciplinary scholarship uses insights from economics and political science to understand how to design democratic institutions to ensure outcomes more consistent with citizen preferences – and how those preferences might be shaped by the political and legal environments.

**EDUCATION**

B.A., University of Oklahoma, 1985

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